

Rep. Cardoza's Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Funding Priorities

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Applied Agriculture and Environmental Research, CA

Recipient: The California State University (statewide system)

Head Office: 4910 North Chestnut Avenue

Fresno, CA 93726-1852

Summary: This project will leverage state, federal and industry resources to support the immediate and ongoing need for quality applied agricultural and environmental research, development, education, outreach, and technology transfer activities for the benefit of the nation's farmers, ranchers, and consumers. Funding priority will be given to science and best management issues related to climate change, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and carbon sequestering; food safety and security; water quality, infrastructure, and conveyance; and public health and welfare.

Amount Requested: \$7,000,000

California County Pest Detection Augmentation Program

Recipient: California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association

142 Garden Highway

Yuba City, CA 95991-5512

Summary: Requested funds will be used to expand the statewide pest-trapping program, operated by County Agricultural Commissioner's, to cover more rural-residential areas in California.

Amount Requested: \$1,350,000

California County Pest Detection Import Inspection Program

Recipient: California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association

142 Garden Highway

Yuba City, CA 95991-5512

Summary: Funds will be used to inspect incoming plant material at points of entry in California to prevent the establishment of serious agricultural and environmental invasive pests and diseases.

Amount Requested: \$1,650,000

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Gang Suppression Enforcement Team (GSET) Project

Recipient: California Department of Justice

1300 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Summary: Funds will be used for the California Department of Justice operation of its gang eradication program, known as “Gang Suppression Enforcement Teams” in the Merced County area. GSET is an innovative program created in 2006 by CA DOJ to provide technical expertise, leadership, and additional resources to local law enforcement officials overwhelmed by gang violence. Funds will cover equipment, overtime compensation, and logistical support for the GSET team operating out of the DOJ Fresno Regional Office, which services Merced County.

Amount Requested: \$400,000

Operation Peacekeepers

Recipient: City of Stockton

425 N. El Dorado

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: In 2004 and 2005, the California Attorney General's report on crime in the state ranked Stockton as number one city for violent crime. In addition, the City of Stockton has been struggling to recruit sworn officers to keep up with the demand for public safety services, as well as respond to the rise in at-risk youth committing gang related activities. These funds would go toward the Operation Peacekeeper Program, which was started in 1998 and is staffed by

experienced, street-wise men and women who all have had personal experiences with gangs. They have been screened by participating law enforcement agencies and are employees of the City of Stockton. They are ethnically and culturally diverse, with representation from the area's Southeast Asian, Hispanic, and African-American communities. They are visible members of the community—well trained in conflict resolution, mediation, mentoring, community organizing, and case management. Currently, there are only three full-time Youth Gang Outreach Workers—each with a caseload of approximately 400 clients. Requested funds will be used to help pay for over-time of six Youth Gang Outreach Workers. In addition, funds will be used to cover the costs of books, GED testing, school tuition, tutoring, tattoo removal, and sports-related programs for at-risk youth. This program seeks to assist troubled youth by providing positive activities to keep them from joining gangs.

Amount Requested: \$350,000

Police Methamphetamine Suppression

Recipient: City of Stockton

425 N. El Dorado

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: Crime in Stockton is at an all time high. In 2004 and 2005, Stockton had the highest rate of violent crime in all of California, and in 2006, the second highest rate. The Stockton Police Department would use these funds for personnel assigned to investigate, arrest, and prosecute those involved in the manufacture, distribution, and sales of methamphetamine. Funds will pay for one Police Officer/Investigator position to serve as lead investigator to coordinate investigations, buy operations, and overtime for arrest missions and presentations to the Grand Jury and court. This enforcement strategy would significantly impact street drug sales and would also reduce violent crime associated with drug distribution and sales in Stockton.

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Regional Operability for Public Safety Communications

Recipient: Stanislaus County

1010 Tenth Street

Modesto, CA 95353

Summary: Stanislaus County and its public safety agencies are committed to the development of a radio network that provides the best level of service in support of our citizens and their communities. The overall regional communications between public safety agencies in Stanislaus County are dangerously inadequate. Improvements to operability and interoperability have been made, but more work needs to be done. These funds will enhance the existing interoperability channel, expand radio coverage through difficult terrain, replace aging equipment, continue progress towards system wide P-25 compliance, and will support the City and County's joint efforts to respond to public safety incidents throughout California's Central Valley and be prepared for a disaster situation.

Amount Requested: \$4,905,000

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Clean Fuel Locomotive Study

Recipient: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

949 East Channel Street

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: SJRRC is seeking funding for a feasibility study that would evaluate all the available technology, assess the commuter rail system and recommend the most practical, near-term, cost-effective clean fuel locomotive technology to pursue. This project has significant ramifications for the San Joaquin Valley's air quality problems and will help supplement the existing transit system which links the Valley and the Bay Area.

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project

Recipient: Madera Irrigation District

12152 Road 28 1/4

Madera, CA 93637

Summary: Requested funds would be used for construction of water recharge, recovery and delivery systems. The project would help Madera Irrigation District (MID) in its efforts to conserve and more efficiently use its local and Central Valley Project water supplies. MID could

also make available shares in the water bank to the Bureau of Reclamation for water storage necessary to implement the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement legislation.

Amount Requested: \$6,000,000

Merced County Streams, Black Rascal Creek Reconnaissance Study

Recipient: Merced County

2222 M Street

Merced, CA 95348

Summary: Funds will be used by the Army Corps of Engineers to perform a reconnaissance study on a project to provide an alternative, lower-cost project for much-needed flood control on Black Rascal Creek. This project would be a reduced-cost alternative to the Federal Flood Control Project (Haystack Dam) which has been in progress for many years.

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Pinole Shoal Management Study, CA

Recipient: Stockton Port District

P.O. Box 2089

Stockton, CA 95201

Summary: Requested funds would be used to develop and approve a joint agency permit and general regional water quality control board order for dredging and beneficial reuse of dredged material; implement a Delta Dredging and Reuse Management Team with a MOU, charter, and operating principles; develop regional disposal & reuse of dredged sediment alternatives; initiate a programmatic biological assessment; and conduct a pilot project.

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Port of Stockton, Rough and Ready Island and Vicinity, CA

Recipient: Stockton Port District

P.O. Box 2089

Stockton, CA 95201

Summary: Requested funds would provide planning, design, and construction assistance for the Port of Stockton's Rough and Ready Island wastewater infrastructure. The Port is poised to bring development to the West Complex – including 3 national and international firms, which are expected to employ about 600 and create an additional 300 maritime jobs. Also, increased industrial development would expand the region's markets and increase domestic and foreign commerce.

Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River, CA

Recipient: San Joaquin County

1810 East Hazelton Ave.

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: These funds will go toward the Army Corps of Engineers' feasibility study for the project. The next phases of the study consist of levee and channel evaluations, updating hydraulics and hydrology for the system, and identifying economic benefits for the area to be protected. The goal of project is to provide evaluation of existing levees and reservoirs, to identify deficiencies, and develop feasible alternatives to achieve enhanced flood protection against a major flooding incident in San Joaquin County.

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

San Joaquin River Basin, West Stanislaus County, Orestimba Creek, CA

Recipient: Stanislaus County

1010 Tenth Street

Modesto, CA 95354

Summary: Ongoing flooding of Orestimba Creek has damaged the lives and property of those on the west side of Stanislaus County. Annualized damage projections are approximately \$7.8 million per year. This project will help solve this ongoing problem by funding the federal portion of the Army Corps capability for FY 2009. Requested funds will be used to continue a feasibility

study to finalize selection and design of a flood damage reduction plan. These funds are needed for work on the Orestimba Creek Flood Control Project to continue a feasibility study to finalize selection of a flood damage reduction plan for Orestimba Creek, West Stanislaus County, California.

Amount Requested: \$714,000

San Joaquin River , Port of Stockton , CA

Recipient: Stockton Port District

P.O. Box 2089

Stockton, CA 95201

Summary: The navigation operation and maintenance project includes the 35-foot deep Stockton Ship Channel on the San Joaquin River, which extends from Suisun Bay to the turning basin at the Port of Stockton and includes the California counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Solano. These funds will be used to conduct annual maintenance dredging of the federally authorized Stockton Ship Channel, which is necessary for the safe movement of deep-draft commercial vessels calling at the largest inland port and the fourth busiest California port.

Amount Requested: \$11,000,000

San Joaquin River Salinity Management

Recipient: Panoche Drainage District

52027 W. Althea

Firebaugh, CA 93622

Summary: This project will reduce the volume of subsurface agricultural drain water discharged to the San Joaquin River by approximately 8,000 acre feet, annually, including almost 40,000 tons of salt. The project will improve water quality in the San Joaquin River and Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta.

Amount Requested: \$7,000,000

Solar Power Forecasting Initiative

Recipient: University of California, Merced

5200 N. Lake Road

Merced, CA 95343

Summary: Requested funds would be used toward UC Merced's Solar Power Forecasting Initiative, which will forecast short-term solar power availability and will enable new technologies in the quest to increase renewable energy sources to the power grid.

Amount Requested: \$3,059,840

Stockton Metropolitan Area Flood Control Reimbursement, CA

Recipient: San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency

22 E. Weber Avenue

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: This request is for continued reimbursement of the Stockton metropolitan area flood control project. The project was authorized to be constructed by the local sponsor in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996. To date the total amount reimbursed to the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCOA) is \$22,417,020. However, reimbursement has not kept pace with a payment schedule consistent with traditional construction projects, as mandated in WRDA.

Amount Requested: \$11,000,000

Stockton Water Infrastructure Improvement Project

Recipient: City of Stockton

425 N. El Dorado

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: The Stockton Water Infrastructure Improvement Project will develop a new supplemental water supply for the Stockton Metropolitan Area. This project will replace declining surface water resources, protect groundwater supplies and provide for current and future water needs in the Stockton Metropolitan Area.

Amount Requested: \$4,000,000

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

East Service Road Sanitary Sewer Extension

Recipient: City of Ceres

2720 Second Street

Ceres, CA 95307

Summary: The funding would be used to build a sewer line extension in Ceres, which will provide necessary infrastructure improvements to alleviate an immediate system capacity problem and increase the economic development potential in our prime business corridor—improving the quality of life for thousands of residents and preserving and attracting jobs in an emergent trade area.

Amount Requested: \$1,925,000

San Joaquin Valley Emissions Reduction Program

Recipient: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

1990 East Gettysburg Avenue

Fresno, CA 93726

Summary: The funding would be used toward the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's action plan to achieve attainment of the national 8-hour ozone standard by 2023. Funds would be used as part of the incentive program to retrofit heavy duty vehicles and replace on-road and off-road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rate (GVWR) greater than 14,000 pounds and non-engine agricultural sources. This funding would specifically address the highest percentage of mobile emissions as well as the large sources of livestock and dairy operations emissions unique to the agriculture sector.

Amount Requested: \$10,000,000

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Connect Central Valley : Closing the Digital Educational Gap

Recipient: California State University, Stanislaus

One University Circle

Turlock, CA 95382

Summary: These funds will bring CSU Stanislaus resources and services to digitally-isolated residents of the University's six-county service area by providing access to online courses through affordable wireless broadband service. The program impacts more than 10,000 students by 2017, enabling academic successes of the financially disadvantaged, minorities, and working students.

Amount Requested: \$3,586,109

Creating Careers in Green Technologies: a Master's Degree Program to Re-tool Professionals to Lead a Green Economy in California's Central Valley

Recipient: California State University, Stanislaus

One University Circle

Turlock, CA 95382

Summary: In support of economic growth and workforce development, California State University, Stanislaus proposes to develop and offer a master's degree program in Green Technologies. The program will be developed as a professional science masters degree, emphasizing applied experiences and workforce preparation. This application-based degree program will prepare graduates to enter the workforce of the future and the skills to provide leadership in an emerging career field. The program will initially focus on Green Technologies most germane to California's Central Valley including bio-fuels, land use, solar energy, agricultural practices, renewable and regenerative energies, water transportation, energy analysis, and sustainability.

Amount Requested: \$482,000

Engineering Academy for High School Students

Recipient: Merced County Association of Governments

369 West 18th Street

Merced, CA 95340

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley suffers from low educational attainment levels accompanied by high unemployment rates. The proposed Engineering Academy would prepare the regions ethnically diverse, economically disadvantaged high school students for engineering college degrees and careers. The Engineering Academy is a series of four new courses designed to enhance the core math and science curriculum. This program would be implemented by the County's largest high school district.

Amount Requested: \$511,000

Enhancing Cardiovascular Services in Stockton

Recipient: City of Stockton

425 N. El Dorado

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: The City of Stockton will use the requested funds to enhance Cardiovascular Services at St. Joseph's Medical Center by upgrading its Catheterization Labs. Due to the economy, access to capital is limited. Federal funds are needed to improve survival rates and quality of life for the residents of this economically-disadvantaged community.

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Expanding Digital Mobile Mammography Services in Northern California

Recipient: City of Stockton

425 N. El Dorado

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: The City of Stockton will use these funds to expand St. Joseph's Medical Center's Digital Mobile Mammography Services. Due to the recession, there is a greater demand for mammography services from women without access and/or health insurance. Federal funds are needed to ensure that all women have access to this life-saving technology.

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Merced Child Abuse Prevention Education

Recipient: University of California, Merced /The Great Valley Center

5200 North Lake Rd

Merced, CA 95344

Summary: Requested funds will be administered to Childhelp National through UC Merced/The Great Valley Center in a local, collaborative effort to expand child abuse prevention services to schools in the Merced area. The program will provide the nationally-renowned Good Touch/Bad Touch program to schools in the Merced area. The partnership involving UC Merced/The Great Valley Center, Childhelp National, and the Merced County Department of Public Health will also deliver critically needed child abuse prevention education to parents in Merced County.

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Movin' On – A Project of the Merced County Department of Public Health's Maternal Child Health Program

Recipient: Merced County

2222 M Street

Merced, CA 95348

Summary: The funding would be used to implement a program that would offer intensive case management services to assist pregnant and parenting women who are using, or have a history of, methamphetamine abuse. Methamphetamine is one of the most common drugs of choice for women who are of childbearing age in Merced County.

Amount Requested: \$243,726

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Ag Science Center

Recipient: City of Modesto

P.O. Box 642

Modesto, CA 95353

Summary: The funding would be used toward the design and infrastructure development of the Ag Science Center, a world-class, interactive facility in the City of Modesto, designed to help Americans appreciate the value of agriculture. The Ag Science Center will promote economic development in Stanislaus County by drawing travel and tourism dollars into the County, improving the region's image, and enhancing the agricultural industry that is already so important to the area's economy.

Amount Requested: \$1,100,000

Altamont Commuter Express Alignment Project

Recipient: San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 East Weber Avenue

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: Requested funds will go toward an environmental study, as a complementary effort with the CA High Speed Rail Authority, to identify a joint use alignment between the Central Valley and the Bay Area. This shared corridor will be designed to accommodate high speed rail, regional commuter rail and future short-haul freight service.

Amount Requested: \$2,400,000

Altamont Commuter Express Equipment Maintenance and Layover Facility

Recipient: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

949 East Channel Street

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: The funding would be used for construction of a 103,000 square foot building that will house a progressive maintenance track, two coach shop tracks, two locomotive heavy repair shops, a storehouse, a wheel true machine, a drop table, a 30-ton crane and associated required equipment to properly maintain all rail service equipment. This project is needed to meet the current and future needs of ACE and other potential SJRRC rail services.

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Arch/Sperry Road Extension Project

Recipient: San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 East Weber Avenue

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: The Arch Road – Sperry Road arterial serves as an important link to the Stockton Metropolitan Airport (Airport) and State Route 99 (SR 99). The Project will connect the I-5/French Camp Road Interchange to Performance Drive and the Airport. This 5,300-foot-long, four-lane elevated roadway will include three new railroad grade separation structures at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) west location, the UPRR middle location, and the UPRR east location (formerly Tidewater Southern RR). Bridge structures will be utilized to span El Dorado Street, the French Camp Slough and McKinley Avenue. The existing traffic signal will be modified at the Sperry Road/Performance Drive intersection. Furthermore, a portion of Sperry Road at the east end of the Project will be realigned to provide surface access to businesses along McKinley Avenue. Near the west end, Sperry Road will connect to French Camp Road intersection. Requested funds will go toward construction.

Amount Requested: \$10,000,000

Campus Parkway

Recipient: Merced County

2222 M Street

Merced, CA 95348

Summary: Funds will be used toward right-of-way acquisition for the third phase of the Campus Parkway project. The University of California (UC), located its 10th campus northeast of the City of Merced, seven miles north of SR 99 and the Mission Avenue Interchange. Upon completion, Campus Parkway will provide direct access from SR 99 to the UC Merced Campus, to SR 140 and Yosemite National Park, and to an industrial development in the Campus Industrial Park. This project will significantly help to reduce congestion on local roads.

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Castle Airport Instrument Landing System (ILS)

Recipient: Merced County

2222 M Street

Merced, CA 95348

Summary: The FAA recently cancelled the Castle Airport, Runway 13 VOR Approach procedure, removing the only south-bound, ground-based approach to Castle Airport when the weather deteriorates. Requested funds would be used to acquire and install a Cat 1 (with DME), Non-Fed ILS for Runway 13, to compensate for the loss of the bad-weather, south-bound, VOR approach. This project will increase access and safety for pilots flying to Castle Airport during inclement weather, which plagues the Central Valley throughout the winter months.

Amount Requested: \$650,000

Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses

Recipient: San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)

421 E. Weber Ave.

Stockton, CA 95201

Summary: Requested funds will be used to purchase four Hybrid Diesel-Electric Buses. This project will improve service to meet current and future mobility needs, improve quality of life, improve air quality, decrease traffic congestion, and assist in the development of a strong, integrated, and diverse economy.

Amount Requested: \$2,127,889

Downtown Stockton Promenade Improvements

Recipient: City of Stockton

425 N. El Dorado

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: Requested funds will allow the City of Stockton to construct a pedestrian bridge, connecting for the first time the Morelli Boat Launch Facility with the rest of the marina and promenade and allowing direct access by pedestrians, cyclists and boaters. Upon completion this bridge will connect a pedestrian system that will create an attractive transportation alternative for local residents, and downtown employees as well as visitors to access the downtown area. The bridge will be designed to accommodate pedestrians and bicycle traffic.

Amount Requested: \$450,000

G Street Under-Crossing of BNSF Railroad

Recipient: City of Merced

678 W. 18th Street

Merced, CA 95340

Summary: The G Street project will provide the only grade separated railroad crossing in the central area of Merced, enhancing safety, emergency services and evacuation access, air quality, access to services and education facilities, regional circulation, and public convenience. Requested funds will go toward construction of the project.

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

I-5/Lathrop Road Interchange Improvements

Recipient: San Joaquin Council of Governments on behalf of the City of Lathrop

555 East Weber Avenue

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: During peak hours, off-ramp volumes backup onto I-5 causing significant congestion. This corridor is heavily utilized and needs to be reconstructed to meet regional development needs. Funding would be used for environmental and design phases to widen Lathrop Road to three through lanes in each direction.

Amount Requested: \$4,600,000

I-5/Louise Road Interchange Improvements

Recipient: San Joaquin Council of Governments on behalf of the City of Lathrop

555 East Weber Avenue

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: During peak hours, off-ramp volumes backup onto I-5 causing significant congestion. This corridor is heavily utilized and needs to be reconstructed to meet regional development needs. Requested funds would be used for design and right-of-way phases to widen Louise Avenue to three through lanes in each direction.

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

I-5 Widening

Recipient: San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 East Weber Avenue

Stockton, CA 95202

Summary: The purpose of the proposed improvements is to provide congestion relief on I-5 and to provide improved regional connectivity for through movement of vehicular and truck traffic. Without construction of the proposed improvements, existing vehicle hours of delay will increase substantially in the near-term and will result in gridlock conditions over the 20-year design horizon. Traffic at the ramp terminals would back up onto the exit ramps and mainline and cause significant congestion to I-5 mainline operations and compromise safety conditions. This project is needed to reduce traffic congestion, and increase mobility and operational efficiency along the I-5 corridor. Funds would go toward right-of-way acquisition.

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Los Banos Bypass on State Route 152

Recipient: Merced County Association of Governments

369 West 18th Street

Merced, CA 95340

Summary: SR 152 carries central valley farm products to the Port of Oakland and serves as a major commerce and commute route from the Central Valley to the South Bay and Monterey Coast. As traffic passes through the City of Los Banos at Pacheco Boulevard, SR 152 becomes a congestion hot spot and traffic safety hazard. The City of Los Banos, the County of Merced and the Merced County Association of Governments have approved a SR 152 freeway bypass project to solve this transportation bottleneck. Requested funds will be used to help construct the eastern segment of the SR 152 Bypass.

Amount Requested: \$482,000

Metro Express-Airport Way Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project

Recipient: San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)

421 E. Weber Ave.

Stockton, CA 95201

Summary: This project will expand existing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services south to the Stockton Airport from downtown Stockton. This project presents a tremendous opportunity to provide a high-quality service that will increase bus frequency and decrease travel times for communities that are in need of transportation to access employment and basic needs. Funding will be used for preliminary and final engineering and design for associated construction for the project and costs associated with anticipated construction including: placement of shelters, paving of sidewalks, paving of roads, striping and signage.

Amount Requested: \$2,808,825

Regional Operations Center (ROC)

Recipient: San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)

421 E. Weber Ave.

Stockton, CA 95201

Summary: Funds will be used to build a consolidated Regional Operations Center (ROC) in order to effectively meet current and future transit service demands in San Joaquin County. The ROC will replace a facility that has been in use for over 30 years which is now outdated and overcrowded.

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Restoration of Flanagan Park in Merced, CA

Recipient: City of Merced

678 W. 18th Street

Merced, CA 95340

Summary: The funding would be used for the revitalization and redevelopment of Flanagan Park, a 47-year-old, 4-acre neighborhood park in southeast Merced, with irrigation, playground equipment, basketball courts, sports fields, picnic shelter, bike racks, signage, restroom, and paved parking. The park will serve between 20,000 and 30,000 economically disadvantaged residents in South Merced.

Amount Requested: \$350,000

Tuolumne River Regional Park Gateway Trail System

Recipient: Stanislaus County on behalf of the Tuolumne River Regional Park JPA

1010 Tenth Street

Modesto, CA 95353

Summary: The Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) Gateway parcel is a 90-acre parcel located adjacent to the downtown areas of Modesto and Ceres and the Tuolumne River in Central California. This request will fund Phase 2 to include 2.5 miles of trails which will improve the efficiency of regional transportation and reduce environmental impacts of regional transportation. This project will also construct a bridge over Dry Creek at Confluence Point, habitat restoration on the mid-level tiers, storm water treatment facilities, picnic areas, playgrounds and educational facilities.

Amount Requested: \$2,800,000

NATIONAL PROJECTS

National Writing Project

Recipient: National Writing Project

2105 Bancroft Way, #1042

Berkeley, CA 94720-1042

Summary: The National Writing Project provides support for a national infrastructure of more than 200 writing projects sites that serve their local schools and teaching communities with high-quality teacher professional development in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,

and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These funds will go toward programs in teacher development, quality writing, and research to help improve student performance in writing.

Amount Requested: \$30,000,000

Reach Out and Read

Recipient: Reach Out and Read National Center

56 Roland Street

Boston, MA 02129

Summary: Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantaged and poor children and families. Through fifteen years of peer-reviewed and published research, an extensive body of documentation now clearly demonstrates the importance of promoting early language and literacy skills so that children have the essential reading skills to begin school successfully. Yet today, a large number of children do not receive the necessary support and assistance to develop these skills and begin kindergarten read to learn. To close this gap, the federal government provides funding for a variety of literacy programs and strategies that reach children and parents, and the professionals who interact with them. ROR has proven to among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each doctor visit with books and a prescription to read together. Currently, nearly 50,000 doctors and nurses have been trained in ROR's proven strategies, and more than 3,500 clinics and hospitals nationwide are implementing the program, reaching more than 25% of America's at-risk-children. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments.

Amount Requested: \$10,000,000